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SUBJECT

Diary No. of letter replied to

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the 194 .

Date of issue 194

29.11.47

Signed by

Mr. S. M. Rao

May this be—

- (i) printed ?
- (ii) treated as a standing order ?
- (iii) published in the Gazette,
English Part ?
- (iv) translated ?
- (v) placed at the disposal of the press ?
- (vi) published in the Gazette,
Kannada Part ?

- 1) Rs 4/- per 100 bags on the
I Railway Line
- 2) Rs 5/- per 100 bags on the
II Railway
line
(besides proportionate actual
expenses)

Section A

File No. 9547

Serial No. 2

Proceedings of the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— Letter no A, C. 2301/47-48
dated 31st October 1947, from
the D. J. S. requesting, approval
in the circumstances stated,
approval to his action
in having appointed M/S. A. V.
Thomas and Co. (India) as
forwarding Agent, under
Order thereon No. X
on the marginally noted
terms of agreement, for
clearing the Quota of 1000
tons of Wheat. at Cochin.

S. D. 3846-6/26.11.47
order

Approved.

J.S.
19.11.47S. M. Rao
21/11
For Secy to Govt
J. S.

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Due D. J. S.
Due Complth to Genl J. D.
A. J. A.

List of Enclosures

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Letter no. B2.C. 4216/45-46, dated the 30th Nov 47 from the Director of Food Supplies stating that the sixteen "Fairbanks" scales supplied by ~~the~~ m/s A.B. Benton & Co., against the order placed by the S. P.C., are not ~~ent~~ according to specification and soliciting Order of Gov whether in the circumstances explained these machines may not be accepted after making suitable reduction in price instead of entirely rejecting them.

Submitted: It is stated that an order for the supply of sixteen "Fairbanks" platform scales of 5 cwt capacity was placed with m/s A.B. Benton & Co. by the Secretary Stores Purchase Committee on behalf of the Food Department at Rs 595/- each F.O.R. Bangalore, from ready stocks. The action taken by the Director of Food Supplies in having accepted the quotation of m/s A.B. Benton & Co. was approved in Govt order no. SD 1285-88/A234-44-5 dated the 6th August 1947. ^{It is further stated} Even before the tender was accepted, the representative of the firm is stated to have seen the Asst Director of Food Supplies (Depot) and told him that the weighing machines were of U.S.A. make and that he would be supplying the 16 scales from ready stocks. The Depot ^{is stated to have} ~~Depot is stated to have~~ not obtained a sample machine and examined it before placing the order.

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It is now reported that these scales are not of original "Fairbanks" manufacture and only a few imposed parts appear to have been used in their construction.

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and that the local representative who was asked to give a certificate of their genuineness as original "Fairbanks" machines has instead of complying, merely contended that the machines are all right, tested by the Dept of I & C and may be accepted by the Food Dept., and that the Secretary Stores Purchase Committee who was asked if these scales may be accepted under the circumstances, has replied that the supplies need not be accepted if they are not according to the specifications as it was not clearly mentioned in the order that scales assembled locally may be supplied. ~~And that the firm should supply only genuine "Fairbanks" scales.~~ ~~Moreover the Director.~~ The Scale Engineer of the Firm in his petition dated the 19th November 1947 to the Chief Minister has stated that he had explained before submitting his quotation he had explained to the Asst Director of I & S (depts) that the weighing machines are manufactured by him and that they are superior to foreign make and that if they are rejected ~~the Director would~~ he would be put into a great loss. The Director now states that it is for consideration of Govt whether they ~~may be rejected as opined by the Asst Director~~ ~~whether they~~ in view of the certificate of correctness got from the Director of I & C and that one party would be put to heavy loss if the entire quantity is to be rejected and that the machines may not be accepted after making a suitable reduction in the price.

3) The Director may perhaps be asked to furnish details on the following points information

3081 Supply of weighing machines to the Food Dept by M/s H.B. Bhatt

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By what percentage the price may be reduced.

ii. Are the Suppliers agreeable for the proposed reduction

iii. Has the Secy S.P.C been consulted in the matter

4) If offer, the additional
cost will be called for
from the D.F.S

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Food Secy

5) I am afraid we will not be in a
position to advise the D.F.S. about this matter
when the machines now offered are not
of the original Jambharkar make and even
the name is only painted. I am afraid
Govt. cannot take the responsibility. If
is the responsibility of the D.F.S. to say if these
are serviceable and if they can be safely
bought without cost to Govt. and in that
case he will have to say what reduced
price has to be paid for them.

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26/11/47

Secy
27/11/47

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRIES.
No. 593
Date 28/11/47

Chief Minister

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Secy
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Secy
3/12/47

7) D.F.S. to
per para 5

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3/12/47

8) Draft put up for approval
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(10) Food Secy

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(11) ^{xxx} For copy for the
signature of Secy

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Issued No 12.4120 da 5-12-47 to the D. J. Staling
that he might examine whether the machines are serviceable
if whether they could be bought without loss to Govt of adding
that he may decide the reduction in price in consultation with
the Secy S.P.C. — Copy to Secy S.P.C.

Letter No B.2.C.4576/47-48 da 2-12-47 from the Director of
Food Supplies to Mysore, Bangalore forwarding a copy of the
representation da 28-11-47 from M/s A.E. Benton & Co proposing
a reduction of 5% from the invoice price.

(12) Submitted for perusal. Mr. A. Govindaraj Mudaliar, Proprietor
A.E. Benton & Co, in his representation to the D. J. has stated that
he is willing to undergo a long supply at 5% less than the invoice
price. The information called for from the D. J. may perhaps
be awaited (vide paras supra).

- 5/12/47 Dinspur (13) No further information has been

Called for from the D.F.O. & it
has been clearly stated that it is a
matter for him to decide in consultation
with the Secy S.P.C. The present ^{letter} will
be returned to D.F.O. in continuation
of the letter issued by Govt.

Food Secy

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yes

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Dps letter to the D. J. Subd for app.

8/12/47

Aug/12

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Issue

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Issued No SD 4402 On 12-12-47 to the D. J.
returning the application of Mrs Benton & Co for disposal

Letter No B.2.C. 4516/45-46 Dated the 30th Jan 1948 from the
Director of Food Supplies proposing the purchase of only one scale
from Mrs Benton & Co & suggesting rejection of the order for the
supply of the scales.

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Submitted with reference to para 5 of the note supra.

The Director of Food Supplies states that the D. J. (D. J. J. J.)
who conducted thorough test on the weighing machine supplied
by Mrs Benton & Co, has reported that the machines are not dependable
& accurate & it would be risky to accept the machines as they are
not Original 'Fairbanks'. In the circumstances, the D. J. accepting
the opinion of the D. J. suggests acceptance of one machine at
reduced rate in view of decontrol in the near future, although the
Department was bound to accept the machines if they had conformed
to the specifications.

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The Secretary S. J. C., who placed the order with the firm & who
was consulted in the matter by the D. J. has opined after considering
all the aspects of the case, that the Supplies may be accepted at
reduced rate provided the firm gives a guarantee for one year.

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It is interesting to note in this connection, that the ⁸Supr
of Industries & Commerce, a technical man has certified that the

pages on weighing machines to be good type by the Boston Co.

efficiency of the Fairbanks ^{Scale Weighing} Machine ~~proves a fine sensitivity & accuracy~~ was found to be quite good, strong and sensitive whereas the D. J. (Depot) states that the machines are not dependable.

(19) In view of their conflicting reports of the Order for the supply of weighing machines was placed by the Com. S.P.C. in consultation with the D.J. as regards the specifications & as the responsibility for accepting or rejecting the machines has been placed on the D.J., it does not appear necessary that Govt should make an endorsement to the firm rejecting & cancelling the Order placed by the S.P.C. ^{as suggested by the D.J.} further this is a dispute which has to be decided by the Stores Purchase Committee.

For order
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(20) Kind reference is invited to paras 5 and 15 supra. Also report had been called for from the D.F.S. and it is not understood as to why the D.F.S. requests Govt to issue an endorsement to the party. The D.F. could dispose of the matter himself and if the party feels aggrieved then he might come in appeal to the Govt.

(21) The report of the D.F.S. is for kind perusal. It is reported that the machines were subjected to elaborate tests and were not found to be dependable. He has also stated that we would be taking a grave risk if we accept them. It is also clear from the correspondence

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that the party has not supplied the weighing machines according to specifications. Orders had been placed for the supply of "Fairbanks Scales". What has now been supplied is a collection of odds and ends and the name "Fairbank pattern" has been painted on the scale. (Vide D.F.S. letter dated 20/11/47). It is also definitely stated that they do not bear the original "Fairbanks" mark. The clear meaning of this is that a bogus article is being passed off to Govt as genuine. The test by the A.D.F.S (depts) also proves that the scales are not dependable. In view of the reports of the A.D.F.S. and of the D.F.S. there appears to be no alternative but to reject all the scales as not being up to specifications. But still the D.F.S. recommend to Govt that one scale may be accepted at the reduced rate offered by the Company. This recommendation which appears to be more actuated by considerations of kindness and sympathy are not supported by the contents of the very letter itself.

22) The proposal of the D.F.S. is for orders in consultation with the Genl Secy (who is in charge of the S.P.C). Might be submitted to the Chief Minister and Minister for

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(2) Municipalities, Mysore, Channarayana (etc) Hrs. Secy.

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23) Good Secy, I am afraid Govt. is not called upon to pass orders for the purchase of these machines. It is entirely the responsibility of the D. J. S. and it cannot be thrown upon Govt. A report to Govt. in this case was unnecessary.

Office of the Chief Minister
 No. 2117
 Date. 13.2.48

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Chief Minister
 Minister for City Dept. & Mysore
 Transport
 General Secy. W. C.

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24) may be submitted to the -
 ministers for City municipalities etc
 in the first instance.

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Minister for City Dept. & Mysore

25) Secretary, Municipalities

26) Submitted in person to Minister (At, Mysore & Channarayana) & instructions to be

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27) Forwarded with compliments to the Director of

No 20
5/11/48
u.s. No 78
u.s.

No. S.A. 3390
29.11.11.48

Food Supplies for forming of definite opinion as to whether any or all of the scales offered are worth purchasing for the department. The nature of reply to be given to the legal notice* now issued by the Adimate for Messrs A.E. Benton & Co may also kindly be indicated.

*(enclosed in file)

B.O. Baranah
Secy, F&CS 11/11/48
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No.B2.C.4516/45-46. Office of the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore, Dated 19th November 1948.

Memo.

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Returned with compliments.

Kind reference is invited to my letter of even number dated 30-1-48, wherein it has been clearly stated that scales offered are not dependable and it is not worth while risking Government funds on such machines which are likely to lead to great irregularities in the Department. The one machine which has been placed with the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots), for trial and is in use in this Department is proposed to be accepted if the firm is agreeable to supply it at the reduced rate, because it would not be fair to return it after use for a long time; the remainder may be rejected.

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2. As to the reply to be given to the legal notice from the firm, it may be stated that the firm has not offered the supply as per agreed specifications viz., original "Fairbank Scales" and has as such failed to fulfil the most important condition of the contract as can be seen from the circumstances of

Supply of Weighing Machines

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of the case (Vide letter No. 12.1.4018/
 dated 20-12-40). The firm has a right
 to offer machines not conforming to the spe-
 cifications as such threatened to result in non-
 acceptance of the offer. The Government will
 be prepared to accept genuine Fairbanks Scales
 even now and fulfill their part of the contract
 if the firm is prepared to supply the same. There
 is therefore no cause of action and if the suit
 is filed it will have to be defended. The
 legal notice may be replied to the above terms.

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 IN BYSORE.

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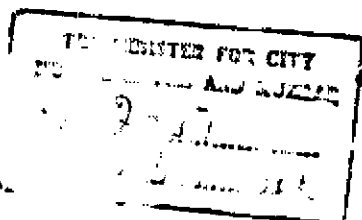
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The firm has not yet received the
 order for the supply of the machines.
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 order for the supply of the machines.

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For favour of taking further action

under Secretary (Law)

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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Tele { phone: 2231
grams: Foodsup.

No B2 C-4216/45-6

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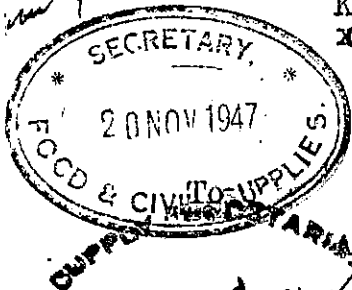
OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 20th Novr. 1947.

FROM

K. Guru Dutt, Esq., B.A.,
~~G. SINDARA RAO, Esq., B.A.,~~

Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore.



S. Khaleel, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to Government, Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

Subject: SUPPLY OF WEIGHING MACHINES TO THE FOOD DEPARTMENT.

Tenders were called for by the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee on behalf of the Food Department. Messrs. A.E. Benton and Co. of Bangalore quoted for the supply of platform weighing scales along with others. The original tender received from the firm is with the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee. The tender by this firm for the supply of 16 "Fairbanks Scales" of 5 Cwts capacity from ready stocks was accepted at Rs. 595/- each f.o.r. Bangalore. Even before the tender was accepted, the representative of the firm saw the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots) and told him that the weighing machines were of U.S.A. make and that he will be supplying the 16 scales from ready stocks.

2. But it is now observed that the scales are not of original "Fairbanks" manufacture and only a few imported parts appear to have been used in their assembly. It is ascertained that the name "Fairbanks Pattern" has been painted on the scales and ^{they} do not bear the original "Fairbanks" mark. The local representative was asked to give a certificate of their genuineness as original "Fairbanks" machines. Instead of complying he merely contends that the machines are all right, tested by the Department of Industries and Commerce and may therefore be accepted by the Food Department.

3. The Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots) asked

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the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee if these scales may be accepted in these circumstances. The Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee has now replied in his letter No. SPJ.12292 dated 18th November 1947 (copy enclosed) that under clause 4 of the conditions of the order, the supply should be according to specifications given in the order or according to the approved sample. According to the terms of the order only genuine "Fairbanks" scales are to be supplied. The Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots) has said that the supplies are not according to specifications nor was any sample ~~xxx~~ produced in his office for approval before the order was placed.

4. Thus the sales supplied are liable to be rejected as opined by the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee. It is however for the consideration of the Government whether the condition should be strictly enforced, or whether in view of the certificate of correctness got from the Director of Industries and Commerce and the fact that the party will be put to heavy loss if the entire quantity is to be rejected summarily, the machines may not be accepted after making a suitable reduction in the price. Early orders of Government may kindly be obtained and communicated in the matter. The petition presented by the party to the Chief Minister on the 17th instant is retained herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Director of Food Supplies.

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Letter No.SPC.12392 dated 17/18th November 1947 from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore to the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots), Bangalore.

Local Indent No.9478 - Supply of Weighing Scales by Messrs. A.E.Benton and Co., Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.AD. D.O.3233/47-48 dated 22.10.1947 regarding the above subject, I am directed to state that Clause 4 of the conditions of our order requires that the supply should be according to the specification given in the order or according to the approved sample. I am therefore to enquire if any sample Scale was produced by the tenderer, Messrs. A.E.Benton & Co., Bangalore, and approved by you, before recommending to this office for placing an order.

2.. According to the terms of the order, only genuine "Fairbanks" Scales" should be supplied. As it was not clearly mentioned in the order that Scales assembled locally may be supplied, such Scales, if supplied, have to be rejected and Clause 4 of the conditions of the order have to be enforced on the above firm unless the supply is in accordance with a sample previously approved.

"Copy"

22/11/47

A. GOVINDRAJ
W. ENGINEER
(PROP: A. E. BENTON & CO.)

MUDALIAR.

MALLESWARAM P. O.

BANGALORE CITY 17th Nov 1947. 3

To

The Chief Minister.,
Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

RE: SUPPLY OF WEIGHING MACHINES TO THE
FOOD DEPARTMENT.

The exigence of affairs compels me to write to you and request finally thus for your sympathetic consideration and order.

The Assistant Director of food supplies wanted 30 weighing machines to their food godowns. I explained to him that weighing machines are manufactured by me for the past 20 Years in Bangalore and they are superior to foreign make.

The Assistant Director asked me to quote for the fairbank pattern, accordingly quoted and was favoured with an order for

16 machines in the first instance, and promised me to favour me with the balance of 14 machines latter.

I have built all these 30 machines with all the steel parts actually of foreign make.

I then presented one scale 15-8-47 and promised to take delivery of all the scales on receipt of the Certificate from the Department of Industries.

The Director of Industries and Commerce and the Superintendent of Industries have certified to its accuracy and the copies of the same is herewith attached for your kind information.

In fine I beg to conclude when my transaction was so

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fair with the S.P.C. order and the food department, I do not have any reason, why should I be harassed for nothing.

The Consignment is lying with me for the last 4 months and the amount invested on this transaction Rs. 18000-0-0 and is a very large amount to my capacity and it has become a dead capital on account of its long standing in my favour in the food department. How can I pay the parties unless I receive them? In short, Sir, I expect immediate payment as I am very loath to press and procure justice to myself, my family and creditors.

Therefore I request you to kindly make necessary arrangements to pass my bill amount which is lying in the S.P. Department for the last three months, and help me in the above matter, so that I may be enabled to maintain and support my family in these hard days.

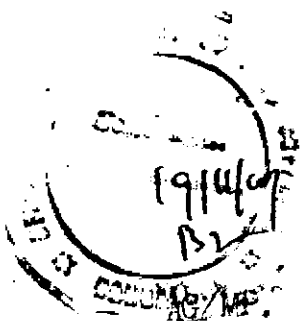
Thanking you and awaiting your valued orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours most obediently.,

A. C. Whidoff. Mna
(Scale Engineer)



Government of Mysore.

Department of Industries and Commerce

To,

A. E. Benton & Co.,

Scale Engineers,

Malleswaram, P.O

Bangalore.

Subject: Inspection of the articles made against the orders
of the Stores Purchase Committee No. 9478, D. 21-7-47

Indenting Officer, Secretary, S.P.C.

Certified that the undermentioned articles have been inspected and passed by me and they were found to be best of my knowledge in accordance with the Specification of the stores Purchase Committee.

All the articles passed by me bear my initials

Specifications

Fairbank scales platform
weighing scales capacity
5 Cwt, fitted with ~~steel~~
hardened steel knifedged
to produce a fine sensibility
and permanent accuracy under
the shock and vibration caused
by frequent moving.

Remarks.

Went for Assistant Director
of Food supplies, Bangalore

I inspected and found to
be correct. It was tested
with standard pound
weights and found to be
quite alright.

Inspecting Officer.,

(Sd)

Superintendent, Industries and
Commerce, Bangalore.

Bangalore.
3-10-47.

Government of Mysore,
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

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No.G4.Mis/48

Office of the Director,
Bangalore. 10th October 1947.

To
The Assistant Director of Food Supplies,
Depot Section,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Reference: Your letter No. Ad.c2-2060/47-48 dated
26th September 1947 regarding inspection
of platform weighing machine 5.Cwt capaci-
ty supplied by A.E.Benton & Co
Malleswarum, P.O., Bangalore.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to
state that the scale referred to was inspected by the -
Superintendent of Industries, whose report is enclosed for
your information. The Scale was tested with lb weights and
was found to be correct . The efficiency of the machine
is quite good, strong and sensitive.

I have the honour to be
sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd)

FOR DIRECTOR.

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Copy of the certificate.

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Report No. 388/47-48 dated the 3rd October 1947
From The Superintendent Of Industries Bangalore Division
To The Director of Industries and Commerce, Bangalore.

Subject: To test and certify 5.Cwt.capacity
weighing machine for use of food supply Dept

With reference to No.G1.C4/5268/47-48 dated 30th Sept
1947 forwarding the D.C.letter of T.K.Kannan Asst:
Director of Food Supplies Bangalore City,

I have the Honour to state That I inspected
one Fair Bank Scale platform weighing machine of 5.Cwt
at Government godown Bangalore stated to be supplied
by Messrs A.E. Benton & Co Bangalore.

The knifedges of the machine are hardened and the
arrangments incorporated for supporting weighing platform
by the hardened knifedges, give fine sensibility to
weigh even a fraction of a pound.

The standred pound weights were used for testing
the correctness of the machine. Ten bags of grains were
also weighed and found to be correct.

The efficiency of the machine is quite good,
Strong and sensitive for the purpose it is intended for.

(Sd)

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For Director.

GMB2.

From.

A.E. Benton & Co.,

Bangalore, 11-10-47

Scale Engineers,

Malleswaram, P.O.

No. AEB/ADF.
9478.

MENT FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

Certificate.

It is certified that the sensitive parts of the weighing machine such as knifedges, hardend steel are of foreign make and they are Incorporated in order to give the correct weight even to the fraction of a pound, and regarding the efficiency they are quite good.

Yours faithfully.,

(Sd)

"Copy"

Scale Engineer.

From,

A. E. Benton & Co.,
Scale Engineers,
Mallieswaram.P.O
Bangalore.

Date. 16-10-1947

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No. 9478.

21-7-47.

To

The Assistant Director of Food Supplies.,
Depot Section.
Bangalore.

Sir,

RE: 16. PLATFORM WEIGHING MACHINES
TO THE FOOD DEPARTMENT

Guarrantee period certificate
for 12 Months.

We give Guarrantee for the above scales for a period
of 12 Months (One Year) for their accuracy ,as they will be
instected by our mechanics periodically i.e. once in three
Months adjusting clening, and trsting ,but we are net responsibl
for the breakage of any part due to rough handling.

Any replacement of broken pert or parts will be charged
extra with the fitting .

Yours faithfully..

(Sd)

Scale Engineer.

AEB/MP.

To,

The Secretary., (food)

B A N G A L O R E.

Respected Sir,

RE: S.P.C. ORDER TO SUPPLY 16 WEIGHING MACHINES
TO THE FOOD SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

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The exigence of affairs compels me to write to you and request finally for your sympathetic consideration and orders.

28/11/47

The Assistant Director of food supplies wanted 30 scales of Australian make, I explained to him that it would be impossible to get any type of foreign make from alround owing to war condit-
tiones than I told to him that I can supply fairbanks pattern and they are superior to Fairbanks Morse genuine scale cost Rs.1250/-.

The Assistant Director asked me to quote lowest price for the same, and I have quoted Rs.595/- each accordingly the Asst Director favoured with an order for 16 machines through S.P.C. in the first instance and promised me to favour me with the balance of 14 machines order later.

I got the consignment of 30 scales and it is with me for the last 5 months. The Government has not been pleased to favour me with the disposal of the consignment, although the objection raised by the department are correct, still I request the Govern-
ment to favour me with the order because the price quoted are very much less than the Fairbanks Morse genuine U.S.A.

As the matter is not clear till now, on the above subject I am willing to under go a loss and reduce 5% of the invoice -
value i.e. Rs.500/- less although I have incurred heavy loss by keeping the heavy consignment of 30 scales with me for nothing.

Besides this I can certify that the sensitive parts of the machine steels of foreign make and they are incorporated in order to give correct weight and regarding the efficiency they are quite good and strong as certified by the Director of Industries and commerce Bangalore.

Sir, I am an unhappy petitioner and the amount invested on this 30 machines is Rs.18000/-, and it is very large amount to my capacity, and it has become a dead capital on account of long stand-
ing in my favour in your department. I am very loath to press and procure justice to my self, my family, and creditors.

Thanking you and awaiting your valued orders.

From,

Govindaraj. Muddalier
Prop. A.E. Benton & Co

Yours faithfully,

A. Govindaraj Muddalier

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Subd. The main file has been submitted to the Chief Minister
with this Office J. No. 3081 on 29-11-47 of orders thereon awaited
Of an interim reply to the petitioner is subd for app.

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Order No. 19. 4074 da 4-12-47 to the petitioner
stating that his representation is receiving attention.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE
SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation sheet draft form.)

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no. S. D. 4074

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D. 3.12.47

— — — Endorsement — granted

To A. Govindaraj Mudaliar Esq
Proprietor A.E. Benton & Co

Mallurwaram P.O.

Bangalore

With reference to his petition dated the
28-11-1947 regarding supply of 16 weighing
machines to the Food Department, Mr.

A. Govindaraj Mudaliar is hereby informed
that his representation is ^{receiving attention} under consideration
of a final reply will be sent to him in
due course.

By order,

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for Secy to Govt
F. D.

Mr

Bangalore, 29th November 47

To

The Devan of Mysore.,
Government of Mysore.,
Bangalore.

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Subject: Stores Purchase Committee local indent to supply
16 weighing machines to food department on 21-7-47.

Petitioner:-

Arcot Govindaraju Mudaliar, son of Ekambara Mudaliar,
Proprietor, A.E. Benton & Co, Scale Engineer, Malleswara,
P.O. Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

The exigence of affairs compels me to write to you and request finally for your sympathetic consideration and orders:-

The Assistant Director of food supplies called me in person on 20-6-47 and said that he wanted immediately 30 weighing machines of 500 Lbs capacity of Australian Make. I explained to him that it would be impossible to get any type of foreign make from all round owing to war conditions then I told to him that the weighing machines are manufactured by me for the past 20 Years in Bangalore and Madras and they are foreign type and equalant to Fairbanks scale

The Assistant Director of food supplies asked me the price of the Fairbanks Morse U.S.A. make, genuine machine, and I said that will cost Rs.1250-0-0, and the price my Fairbanks equalant scale (Fairbanks Pattern) cost Rs.595/- each and they are superior to Fairbanks Morse scale of America.

The Assistant Director of food supplies asked me personally to bring the quotation to him direct, and I have accordingly quoted and the Asst. Director favoured that after several discussions with S.P.C. Secretary between them an order S.P.C. Local indent No.9478 dated 21st July 47 was placed into my hands to supply 16 weighing machines to the food department. in the first instance and promised me to favour me with the balance of 14 machines order later.

After receiving the consignment of 30 machines, I came in contact with the Asst:Director of food supplies and he has then addressed the Director, The Department of Industries and commerce for inspection and certificate, and said that he will take immediate delivery after it is certified from the Industries department. The copies of the certificates are herewith attached for your reference.

After obtaining the proper certificates from the Director of Industries and commerce, I am at a loss to understand why -

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should not the Asst: Director of food supplies take the delivery of the machines and settle me up on the face of my bill submitted to the S.P.C. Secretary on 20-9-47. The Asst: Director again asked me to give guarantee certificate for 12 Months for accuracy for the scales and accordingly I did and given in writing, and said that he will take the delivery of the machines. Now The Assistant Director has been transferred from the food department and referred the matter to the S.P.C. Secretary for nothing, after three months of this transaction.

That on 24-9-47 I wrote to the Asst: Director of food supplies with my full text of my difficulties on the above, had he even returned the machines rejecting the order, I at once I would have returned sent back the machines, parties, with whom I have transacted the business, where the time limit is barred and I am crying in the wilderness all the sides, and I am very much hand pressed by the different parties, now.

I got the consignment and it is lying with me idle for the last 5 months. The Government has not been pleased to favour me with disposal of the consignment although the objections raised by the department are correct, ^{omitting the word as pattern} still I request the Government to favour with the order because the price quoted are very much less than the Fair-Banks genuine scales.

As the matter is not clear till now of my disposal, I am - willing to undergo a loss and reduce 5% less i.e. Rs. 500/- less to my invoice value, although I have incurred heavy loss by keeping the heavy consignment of 30 machines with me for nothing.

Besides this I can certify that the sensitive parts of the machine such as Knifedgeds, and bearings, etc, are of foreign make and they are incorporated in order to give correct weight and regarding the efficiency they are quite good and strong and accurate as per the certificate made by the Director, and Superintendent of Industries and commerce on 3-10-47.

Sir, I am the unhappy petitioner, and the amount invested on this 30 machines Rs. 18000-0-0 and I am very much hand pressed by the different parties with whom I have transacted this business, and it is very large amount to my capacity, and it has become a dead capital on account of long standing in my favour which is pending for the last 6 months in the food department.

I am very loath to press and procure justice to myself, to my family, and creditors.

Thanking you and awaiting your valued commands.

Yours faithfully, .

A. Chhabra
(Engineer).

Enc: Certificates copy.

AG/MP.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

Office of the Director
Bangalore. 10th October 1947

Do.No.G.4.Mis/48.

To

The Assistant Director of Food Supplies
Depot Section.,
Bangalore City.

Sir,

Reference: Your letter No. Ad.C2=2060/47-48 dated 26th September 1947, regarding inspection of platform weighing machine capacity 5.Cwt, supplied by Messrs: A.E. Benton & Co Malleswaram P.O. Bangalore.

With reference to the above I have the honour to state that the scale referred to was inspected by the Superintendent of Industries whose report is enclosed for your information. The scale was tested with pound weights and was found to be correct.

The efficiency of the machine is quite good, strong and sensitive.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd)

For. Director.

Report No. 388/47-48 dated the 3rd October 1947 from the Superintendent of Industries, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, To the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore Bangalore.

Subject: - To test and certify 5.Cwt capacity weighing machine for the use of food supplies department.

I have the honour to state that I inspected one Fairbank scale platform weighing machine 5.Cwt, at Government Godown, Bangalore - stated to be supplied by Messrs: A.E. Benton & Co, Bangalore.

The knifedgeds, are hardened and the arrangements incorporated by supporting weighing platform, by the hardened knifedgeds, to give fine sensibility to weigh even a fraction of a pound. The standard pound weights were used for testing the correctness of the machine. Ten bags of grains were also weighed and found correct.

The efficiency of the machine is quite good strong and sensitive for the purpose it is indent for.

(Copy)

(Sd)

For Director.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. 324
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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE.

To

M/S. A. E. BENTON & Co.,

Weighing Engineers

Malleswaram, P.O. Bangalore.

SUBJECT:- INSPECTION OF ARTICLES MADE AGAINST THE ORDER OF THE
STORES PURCHASE COMMITTEE No. 9478. S.P.C. DATED 21-7-47.

(2) Indenting Officer. . . S.P.C.

No. . . Dated.

Certified that the undermentioned articles have been inspected and passed by me as they were found to be to the best of my knowledge in accordance with the specifications of the stores purchase committee.

ALL THE ARTICLES PASSED BY ME BEAR MY INITIALS.

Description of articles (as per indent)	Number inspected.	Remarks.
Fairbank scale platform weighing machine capacity 5.C.W.T. fitted with hardened knifedges to produce a fine sensibility and permanent accuracy under the shock and vibration caused by frequent moving.	one.	Ment for Assistant Director of food supplies Bangalore. INSPECTED AND FOUND TO BE CORRECT. IT WAS TESTED WITH STANDARD weights and FOUND to be AND FOUND TO/QUITE ALRIGHT.

Place, Bangalore.

Date, Bangalore.

(Sd) K. VIJAYAM
INSPECTING OFFICER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF INDUSTRIES.

BANGALORE DIVISION.

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LOCAL INDENT NO. 9478.

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1. Name and address of consignee.

The Assistant Director
of food supplies. Bangalore.Name and address of office
to whom bill of costduly
receipted and stamped should
be sent with duplicate.

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3. Terms of Delivery.

From Stock.

Item. No.	Description of material.	Quantity to be supplied.	Rate Accepted.
1.	Fairbanks scales platform weighing scales capacity 5.Cwt, fitted with hardened knifedges, to produce a fine sensibility, and permanent accuracy, under the shock and vibration caused by frequent moving.	16 machines.	Rs. 595/- each F.O.R. Bangalore from stock.

Sd D.S. Raghvendra Char
Secretary.,

Stores Purchase committee.

21st July 1947.

GENERAL AND REVENUE
SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation sheet draft form).

TYPED
10/12/47

To,

The Director of Food Supplies

in Mysore, Bangalore

Sir,

Subject: — Supply of weighing
machines to the Food Deptt by
M/d. A. E. Benton & Co.

With reference to your
letter no. B.2. C- 4216/45-6
dated the 20th November 47 on
the above subject, I am directed
to state that this does not
appear to be a case in which
a decision by Govt would be
necessary. When the machines
now offered are not of the
original "Fairbanks" make
and the name has now been
only painted ^{on them}, it would
indeed be hard ^{difficult} to take up

the responsibility of accepting
the machines. However, I
am to add that you
might examine whether the
machines are serviceable and
whether they could be bought
without loss to Govt, and
in that ~~best~~ case, you
may decide regarding the
reduction in price, in consultation
with the Secretary, Stone Purchase
Committee.

I have etc

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Secy to Govt

Food Dept

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Copy to Secretary, Stone Purchase

Committee for info.

--C. F. No. 45]

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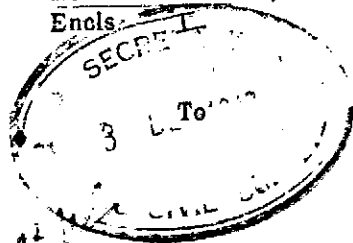
OFFICE OF
the Director of Food Supplies

in Mysore, Bangalore,

Dated 2nd December, 1947.

No. B2.C.4516/47-48. 3436

Encls.



The Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Supply of Weighing Machines to the Food
Department.

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In continuation of this office letter No.B2.C.4516/45-6 dated 20.11.1947 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of representation dated 28.11.1947 received from Mr.A.Govindaraj Mudaliar, Proprietor, A.E.Benton & Co., stating that he is willing to undergo a loss and supply at 5% less than the invoice price. I request you kindly to obtain and convey orders of Government in the matter very early.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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[Signature]
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

[Signature] 2.12.47

To,

The Chief Minister.,

B A N G A L O R E.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRIES.

No. P. 508

Date. 16/12

Respected Sir.

RE: S.P.C. ORDER TO SUPPLY 16 WEIGHING MACHINES
TO THE FOOD SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

The exigence of affairs compels me to write to you and request finally for your sympathetic consideration and orders.

The Assistant Director of food supplies wanted 30 scales of Australian make, I explained to him that it would be impossible to get any type of foreign make from alround owing to war conditions than I told to him that I can supply fairbanks pattern and they are superior to Fairbanks Morse genuine scale cost Rs. 1250/-.

The Assistant Director asked me to quote lowest price for the same, and I have quoted Rs. 595/- each accordingly the Asst Director favoured with an order for 16 machines through S.P.C. in the first instance and promised me to favour me with the balance of 14 machines order later.

I got the consignment of 30 scales and it is with me for the last 5 months. The Government has not been pleased to favour me with the disposal of the consignment, although the objection raised by the department are correct, still I request the Government to favour me with the order because the price quoted are very much less than the Fairbanks Morse genuine U.S.A.

As the matter is not clear till now, on the above subject I am willing to under go a loss and reduce 5% of the invoice value i.e. Rs. 500/- less although I have incurred heavy loss by keeping the heavy consignment of 30 scales with me for nothing.

Besides this I can certify that the sensitive parts of the machine steels of foreign make and they are incorporated in order to give correct weight and regarding the efficiency they are quite good and strong as certified by the Director of Industries and commerce Bangalore.

Sir, I am an unhappy petitioner and the amount invested on this 30 machines is Rs. 18000/-, and it is very large amount to my capacity, and it has become a dead capital on account of long standing in my favour in your department. I am very loath to press an procure justice to my self, my family, and creditors.

Thanking you and awaiting your valued orders

From,

A. Govindara Mudaliar.

Prop. A.E. Benton & Co

Yours faithfully,

A. Govindara Mudaliar.

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No. S.D. 4402/99-47- D. 11.12.67
To. - Mr. 1

The Director of Food Supplies, Bangalore

Sir,

Subject: Supply of Weighing machines by
Mr. A. Govindaraj Mudaliar, Prop. A.E. Benton
of Co to the Food Department.

In Continuation of this office letter
No. 194120 Dd 5-12-67 On the above Subject,
I am directed to return herewith for favour
of disposal, a copy of letter representation
Dd 28-11-67 from Mr. A. Govindaraj Mudaliar
received with your letter No. B.2.C.4516 /67-68
Dated 2-12-67. I have etc.

For Lg to Pwr
P. J. S. Lg
Sms

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telephone: 2231
Telegrams: Foodsup.

No. B2.c.4516/45-46.
ENCLS.

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 30th Jany., 1948.

FROM

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K. Gurus Dutt, Esq., B.A.,
~~XXXXXXNDARA XXXX, Esq., XXXX~~

Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore

To
A.S.Khaleel, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to Government, Food and...

Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject: - Supply of weighing machines by Messrs. A.E.
Benton & Co.

With reference to your letter No. SD.4120/A.99-47-2 dated the 5th December 1947, on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the matter was referred to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee for opinion. A copy of his reply No. SPC. 14831 dated 12/13th December 1947 is enclosed for reference. It was suggested therein that the machines may be accepted at reduced rate of Rs.565/- subject to certain conditions.

2. Accordingly the Asst. Director of Food Supplies (Depots), for whose use the machines are intended, was asked to ascertain whether the firm would accept these conditions, and also to subject the machines to thorough tests and furnish his opinion regarding the acceptance or otherwise of the scales. After careful tests, some of which were made in the presence of the representative of the firm, the Asst. Director of Food Supplies (Depots), has finally reported that the machines are not dependable and that it would be taking a grave risk if we accept them, in view of the fact that the make is not original 'Fairbanks' as indented for and also as the machines themselves do not come up to the required standard of accuracy even when new, and it is highly doubtful if the knife-edges and other moving parts will stand wear and tear, notwithstanding any guarantee which the supplier may be prepared to give. The original papers received

from the Asst. Director of Food Supplies(Depots), are enclosed herewith for reference and return. All the details of the tests will be found there.

17. 3. Considering all the circumstances there is no go but to reject the machines as it will obviously lead to great irregularities in the Department if such machines are accepted. Besides, in view of the likelihood of de-control in the near future there will also be no need for the machines, although we would have had to accept them in case they had conformed to the specifications. The case may be finally disposed of by the issue of an endorsement from Government to the supplying firm that the machines are rejected as not conforming to the specifications. I would however propose that as suggested by the Asst. Director of Food Supplies(Depots), one scale which was sent as sample and has been in use in the godowns for some time past may be accepted at the reduced rate agreed to by Messrs. Benton and Co.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES. 212

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Copy of letter No.SPC.14831 dated 12/13th December 1947, from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore, to the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

Local Indent No.9478.
Supply of Weighing Scales by Messrs.
A.E.Benton & Co., Bangalore.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.B2.C.4216/45-46 dated 5th December 1947 regarding the supply of Weighing Machines to your Department by Messrs. A.E.Benton and Co., Bangalore, I am directed to state that you have been already requested in this office letter No.12393 dated 18th November 1947 to accept the machines if they are either in conformity with the specifications furnished under the Local Indent No.9478 or in accordance with the sample furnished by the firm ~~that the scales~~ and accepted by you. It may be noticed from the representation dated 28th November 1947 presented by the Proprietor of the firm that the scales offered by them are not of genuine fairbanks make and that they are of Fair Banks pattern and that in view of this, he is prepared to reduce the price of the machines by 5% of the invoice value. A copy of his representation has been forwarded to you for your remarks with this office letter No.13719 dated 2nd December 1947. The firm also produced a copy of the certificate stated to have been issued by the Department of Industries & Commerce, stating that the machine was inspected and found to be correct and that it was tested with standard pound weights and found to be quite all right. (vide copy enclosed.) In this connection, I am to invite reference to letter No.412 dated 5th December 1947 addressed to you by the Secretary to Government, Food Supply Department, stating as follows: "When the machines now offered are not of the original 'Fairbanks' make and the name has now been only painted on them, it would indeed be difficult to take up the responsibility of accepting the machines. However, I am to add that you might examine whether the machines are serviceable and whether they could be bought without loss to Government. In that, case you may decide regarding the reduction in price, in consultation with the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee.

The matter is pending for a considerable length of time. The party is pressing repeatedly that it may be decided early.

In this connection I am to invite your reference to para 13 on page 17 of the Stores Purchase Committee Manual which reads as follows:-

" The decision of the Stores Purchase Committee shall be final in regard to all disputes regarding supplies and the manner of performance of the contracts."

The relevant facts found from an examination of tenders are that the same firm has in its quotation of 5th June 1947 offered genuine U.S.A. make Fairbanks Morse Platform scales at Rs.850/- for 800 lbs. capacity. The scales now ordered for are of 5 cwts. or 560 lbs. capacity. Messrs. W.T. Avery Ltd. have offered Avery Scales of 655 lbs. capacity at Rs.410/- f.o.r. Madras. The reduced price by 5% now offered for the machines by Messrs. Benton & Co., comes to Rs.565/-. The prices for 3 cwts. machines of Indian make vary from Rs.350/- to Rs.675/-. Bharat weighing scales and Engineering Syndicate have given a guarantee of satisfactory performance for one year.

Having regard to all the circumstances of the case, I am personally of the opinion that the reduced rate of Rs.565/- may be accepted and the supplies accepted if the following conditions are satisfied:-

1) The firm should give a guarantee of satisfactory performance for one year during which period it should rectify any defects free of cost to us.

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2) The machine which is now offered as a sample has been giving satisfactory performance so far without any complaints.

If the above suggestion meets with your approval, or if there are any alternative suggestions to be made by you, I will place the matter after receipt of your reply before the President of the Stores Purchase Committee for final orders in the matter.

(Copy.)

Wm an am. 30/6/48

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W DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

REFERENCE: Letter no. B2.C.4216/45 dated 22-12-47, Re:-weighing machines supplied from M/s. Benton and Co.,

submitted to the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore. As regards the query whether the scale supplied is working satisfactorily, the enclosed set of readings taken on the scale, with ~~per~~ standard pound weights, may kindly be perused. There is an average difference of about one percent in the readings taken at different points.



(2) As the standard pound weights were not locally available, there ~~was~~ an unavoidable delay in submitting the report.

(3) The unofficial file is herein enclosed.

ASST. DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES,
DEPT SECTION.

Spl. Amt?
Before orders are passed please make similar weighments on same other scale known to be good & sub. readings.

Note continued:-

23rd Jan. 1948.

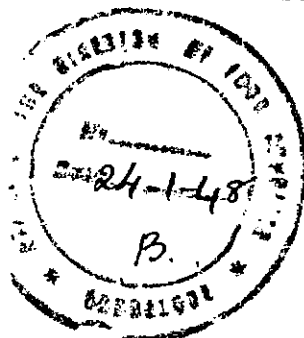
I further requested the Special Amildar (as I was due to leave for Ananthapur) to take similar readings on another good scale in the presence of Mr. Govindaraja Mudaliar and submit the same. Mr. Govindaraja Mudaliar who had been requested to be present at the test-weighment on 18-1-48 did not turn up on the occasion and later, pleaded that he was ill. Nevertheless, the readings were taken in the presence of both the Transport Supervisor and the Spl. Amildar in Avery's scale. The note drawn up is enclosed. The readings show that the variation is comparatively very much less than in the "Fair Banks Pattern" in question.

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of the parts to be put in, in the other 15 machines yet to be delivered, are of no standard make, we would be taking grave risks if, we accept 15 more scales of the "pattern" already supplied.

The entire file is herein enclosed.

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Asst. Director of Food Supplies,
Depot Section.

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for orders: Note is enclosed

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Notes submitted by the Special Amildar, Food Supplies, to the Asst. Director of Food Supplies, Depot Section, Bangalore, as per instructions in the matter of testing of Fair Banks. Pattern weighing scale.

Tested the Fair Bank's Pattern scale on 14-1-48 and 15-1-48. The results are as noted hereunder:-

(1) on 14-1-48, the scale was tested with a 28lbs. Wt. got from the representatives of M/s. A.V. Thomas and company, Madras, who have been asked to repair certain weighing machines of this section. Readings are as follows:-

(X)	Wt. Used.	Place where the Wt. Was kept.	Reading.
(1)	28lbs.	centre of the platform.	28lbs.
		No. I corner.	28½ lbs.
		No. II corner.	27½ lbs.
		No. III corner.	28lbs.
		No. IV corner.	28½ lbs.

(2) on 15-1-48, the same scale was tested with the weights certified by the Inspector of weights and measures, Civil Station (obtained from the chief Food Inspector Civil Station) and the readings were as follows:-

(X)	Wt. used.	Place where the Wt. was kept.	Readings.
(1)	56 lbs.	centre of the platform.	56½ lbs.
		I corner	57 lbs.
		II "	56 lbs.
		III "	56 lbs.
		IV "	56½ lbs.
(2)	112 lbs (2 wts. of 56lbs. each.)	centre	113½ lbs.
		I corner	114 lbs.
		II "	111½ lbs.
		III "	112½ lbs.
		IV "	112 lbs.
(3)	140 lbs. (2 wts. of 56 lbs each and one of 28 lbs.)	centre	141½ lbs.
		I corner	142 lbs.
		II "	138½ lbs.
		III "	139½ lbs.
		IV "	140 lbs.
(4)	28 lbs.	centre	28½ lbs.
		I corner	28½ lbs.
		II "	28 lbs.
		III "	28½ lbs.
		IV "	28½ lbs.

The above test was conducted in the presence of the Chief Food Inspector, Civil Station and also the representatives of M/s. A. V. Thomas and Company, Madras.

Signature
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Signature

15/1/48 Special Amildar,
Food Supplies.

The Fairbanks Pattern Weighing Scale

located in T.N.S No. I Godown and the ~~Amey's British scale of 1000 lbs capacity~~ ^{5 cwt} in the same Godown and ~~the Certified weights~~ ^{was of the same} test weighed as follows:-

<u>lbs.</u>	<u>centre.</u>	<u>1st corner.</u>
1.	1 lbs.	
2.	2 lbs.	
4.	4 lbs.	
7.	7 lbs.	
14	14 lbs	
28	28 lbs	28 lbs
56	56 lbs.	
112	112 lbs.	
140	140 lbs	

The above weights were kept in the centre of the platform and weighed and the readings are correct.

Mr. Govindarajulu Modaliyar, The Re Proprietor of Messrs. Benton & Co. has not agreed to get the weights placed on the corners 1, 2, 3 and 4 and record the weights thereof.

T.N.S. Annamalai
 22/1/48 Special Auditor
 22/1/48 Foral Supplies (Representative)
 A. E. Benton & Co
 A. C. Miller Proprietor

NOTE SUBMITTED BY THE Special Amildar, Food Supplies, Bangalore, to the Asst. Director of Food Supplies, (Depot Section) Bangalore, in the matter of testing of AVERY'S PLATFORM SCALE which is in good condition, as per instructions issued in person by the Asst. Director of Food supplies (Depots) Bangalore:

According to the instructions issued by the Asst. Director of Food Supplies. (Depot's) Bangalore, in person, the undersigned ^{requested} reported Mr. Govindaraja modaliar of Messrs Benton & Co. yesterday in person (as well as officially through a letter of this office No. Adc2 6029/17.1.48.) to make it convenient to be present at T.N.S.1 godown at 10 a. m. this day the 18th, so that the testing of scale supplied by him and also ~~any~~ one of our good scales may be done in his presence.

To-day the undersigned was present with the Transport supervisor Railway Goods Shed at T.N.S.1 at 10 A.M. and waited for the above said representative till 11.45 A.M. As he failed to turn up the work was taken up and by using the certified weights obtained ^{from} by the Civil Station (Certified by the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Civil Station), the following results were obtained. The scale used was A very's (1000 Lbs, capacity.)

	<u>Weight used</u>	<u>Place where kept.</u>	<u>Reading. (In lbs)</u>
1)	56 lbs.	centre	56
2)		1 corner	56 1/8
		11 " "	55 15/16
		111 " "	56
		1111 " "	56
		11111 " "	56
2)	112lbs.	centre	112
		1. corner	112 1/4
		11 " "	112
		111 " "	112
		1111 " "	112
3)	140lbs.	centre	140 1/8
		1 corner	140 1/4
		11 " "	140
		111 " "	140 1/8
		1111 " "	140 3/8
4)	28 lbs	centre	28
		1 corner	28 1/8
		11 corner	28

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Transport Supervisor (Hollow Goods Shed)

18.1.48

A. GOVINDRAJ
W. ENGINEER
(PROP. A. E. BENTON & CO.)

MALLESWARAM P. O.

BANGALORE CITY 9th Feb 1948

To

The Secretary to Government.,
Food Department.,

General and Revenue Secretariat.,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

RE: TO SUPPLY OF 16 WEIGHING MACHINES
TO FOOD DEPARTMENT.

with reference to your kind endorsement No. SD. 4074 dated 3-12-47, and referring to the confirmation of Director food supply letter No. B. 2. C. 4216/45-46, the copy of which is enclosed herewith for your perusal. We beg to state that nothing has been done.

In view of our selves having been agreed to their contract stipulated (letter No. B. 2. C. 4216/45-46, we request you to kindly settle the matter in taking delivery of the machines.

We are afraid that the supply to your order may be rejected in the event of food supply department being de-controlled where by we will have to run in to great loss after having reserved the consignment for the last 6 Months.

We thank you for your favourable orders, and beg to remain,

AG/MP.

Yours faithfully,

A. Govindraj
Prop. A. E. Benton & Co.,

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

OFFICE OF The Director of Food Supplies

In Mysore , Bangalore.

Date. 19th December 1947

No. B.C.4 16/45-46.

To

Mr: A. Govindaraj Madalaier,
Prop. of A.E. Benton & Co.,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your application dated 28-11-47 regarding your contract to supply 16 weighing machines, I am desirous to enquire whether you are agreeable to complete this contract subject to the following conditions:-

1. The final Price of each machine which should be in total agreement with the sample tested and certified by the Superintendent of Industries Bangalore Division on 3-10-1947 should be Rs.565/-.
2. The Firm should give one Year's Guarantee for the machines and undertake to rectify any defects in them free of cost.

Yours faithfully.,

(Sd) K.N. Krishna Swamy.

For Director of Food Supplies.,

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(copy)

Continuation of

Date. 20th December 1947.

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From,

A. Govindaraj Mudaliar.,
 Prop. A.E. Benton & Co.,
 Bangalore.

To

The Director of Food Supplies.,
 in Mysore, Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

RE: TO SUPPLY 16. WEIGHING MACHINES
 TO THE FOOD DEPARTMENT.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your kind letter No. B.2.C.4216/45-46 dated 19th inst, on the above subject and I can agree the following conditions:-

PRICE.

1. I can supply and the final price of each machine for Rs.565/- as per sample machine delivered on 15-9-47 tested and certified by the Superintendent of Industries Bangalore Division Bangalore.

GUARANTEE CERTIFICATE FOR 16. MACHINES.

2. I can give guarantee for one Year for the 16 machines to undertake to rectify the defects in the machines free of cost.

The machines will be inspected by scale machans periodically for cleaning, adjusting and testing in godowns.

Yours faithfully.,

(COPY)

(Sd). A. Govindaraj.
 Prop. A.E. Benton & Co

*Submitted. The main file has been submitted to the Genl Secy
 with this office. I No 4690 on 10-1-48. I approved this will be
 filed along with the connected papers after the return of the file.*

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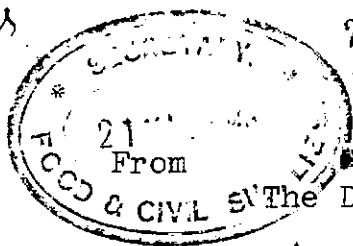
*Yes
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

No. B2.C.4516/45-46.
ENCLS.

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 20th. May. 1948.



24 MAY 1948

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The Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

The Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

SUPPLY OF WEIGHING MACHINES BY
MESSRS. A.E.BENTON LTD.

I have the honor to invite your kind reference
to this office letter No.B2.C.4516/45-46 dated 30-1-48
on the above subject and to request you kindly to
communicate early the orders of Government passed
in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Food Supplies.

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Submitted. The main file bearing I.No 4690 was submitted
to the Minister for City Municipalities & Nuzrai Institutions on 10-3-48.
If approved this will be sent to the ^{also} ~~file~~ of the Minister to return
the file early.

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P.A to the Minister for City Municipalities

THE MINISTER FOR CITY
MUNICIPALITIES AND NUZRAI

No. 1534
Date 4-6-1948.

T 1 MINISTER FOR CITY
MUNICIPALITIES AND MUZRAI

No.

Date... 21-4-1948.

Bangalore City.
20th April '48.

From

A. Govindaraju Mudaliar
Scale Engineer
A.E. Benton & Co
Malleswaram, P.O.

To

Rajasevasaktha
P. Subbarama Setty
Minister for Municipalities & Muzrai
Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

I beg to lay before you the following lines for your kind & favourable consideration and orders.

On the enquiry of the Food Department I submitted a quotation 21st June '47 for the supply of 30 platform weighing scales as per Fairbank's pattern. On this the Secretary Store Purchase Committee placed an order for 16 machines @ Rs 595/- each. The Assistant Director of Food Supplies promised to give a further order for 14 machines. Accordingly I manufactured 30 scales and submitted on 15th September 1947 one machine for their test and approval as is usual with my firm.

The Director of Food Supplies then requested the Director of Industries & Commerce to examine the scale and certificate. The Director of Industries & Commerce deputed the Superintendent of Industries Bangalore Division who examined the machine and issued the necessary certificate on 3-10-1947. In spite of the certificate the Department of Food Supplies went on postponing taking delivery of the machines.

I was put to considerable monetary loss and could not bear the burden of paying and in despair I submitted my fervent appeals to the Director of Food Supplies, to the Secretary Store Purchase Committee and to the Honourable the Minister to save me from financial disaster. Thereupon the Benign Government have been pleased to order the Department to take delivery of the machines in consultation with the Store Purchase Committee. Then after Consulting the Secretary Store Purchase Committee The Director of Food Supplies wrote to me in his letter No. B2-C.4216/45-46 dated 19-12-1947, asking me to give a final agreement to supply these machines @ Rs 565/- each and to give one year guarantee. I have agreed to these conditions also. But to my misfortune the Department of Food Supplies went on postponing taking delivery of the machines, thus making me to suffer a heavy loss by way of interest I have to pay to the Bankers and constant mental

constant mental worries.

Now i understand that the file has been submitted to you,Sir.and I beg to submit this appeal to you as I feel sure that you will render full justice to me,Sir, and thus save me from utter ruin.

For which act of kindness I and my family will ever remain grateful to you,Sir.
Begging to be excused for the trouble, I remain,

Yours obediently,

A. Chidambaram

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSOR E.

No. B2. C. 421S/45-46.

Office of the Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated 19th, December 1947.

To

Mr.A.Govindaraja Mudaliar,
Proprietor, Messrs. A.E.Benton & Co.,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your application dated 28-11-47 regarding your contract to supply 16 weighing machines, I am desired to enquire whether you are agreeable to complete this contract.

Subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The final price of each machine which should be in total agreement with the sample tested and certified by the superintendent of Industries Bangalore Division on 3-10-1947 should be Rs.565/-
- 2) The firm should give one year's ~~year~~ guarantee for the machines ~~in~~ ~~them free of cost~~ and undertake to rectify any defects in them free of cost.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. A.N.Krishnasawmy.
For Director of Food Supplies.

True Copy

From, .

20th, December 48.

A.Govindaraj Mucaliar
Prop. A.E.BENTON & CO.,

To

The Director., of Food Supplies,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

Re. To Supply of 16 Platform weighing machines,
To the food department.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipts of your kind letter No.B.2.c 4216/45/46 dated 19th inst on the above subject, and I can agree the following

Conditions:-

Price.

1. I can supply and agree the final price of each machine for Rs.565/- as per sample machine delivered on 15-9-47 tested and certified by the superintendent of Industries Bangalore Division Bangalore.
Guarrantee certificate for 16 Machines.
2. I can give guarrantee for one year for the 16 machines to undertake to rectfy the defects in the machines free of cost.
The machines will be inspected by scale ~~machine~~ macahnic periodically for cleaning and adjusting in godowns.

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Yours faithfully,
Sd.

Prop. A.E.Benton & Co.,

Bangalore, 1st September 48

Food Secretary

From,

A. Govindaraju Mudaliar,
Prop. A.E. Benton & Co.,
Mallabwaram, P.O.
Bangalore.

No. 7885
Date 1/9/48
THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITY & NUTRITION BANGALORE

The Minister.

Bangalore.

23 SEP 1948
Respected Sir,

May I request and write to inform you that
my file is pending with you for the last 10 Months with-
any any favourable effects in the matter.

As a Business man I will be put in great

loss due to this transaction of the supply of 16 weighing
machines as per the S.P.C. order given back about 18 Mon
ths back.

I cannot bear this loss as I am having these
16 weighing machines costed me Rs.9000/- which is lying
with me for nothing. I will be entirely ruined if the
matter is not settled.

Therefore I request you to kindly favour me

this poor business man, as I have placed all my papers
before the Secretary Congress Committee to discuss with

the matter and help me from the troubles.

Yours faithfully

Thanking you.

AG/MP

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submitted. The connected file was submitted to the Minister for
City Municipalities & Nazran. His office O.No 4690 on 10-3-48
1. It is approved that this can be done in continuation to the P.A.
to the Minister.

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Ys
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Ys - please do so

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P.A. to the Minister for Municipalities
& Nazran. 25/9

THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITIES AND NAZRAN
No. 1284
Date 27-9-1948

28/9/48

THE REGISTER COMPANY
MUNICIPALITY OF LOS ANGELES
No. 1284
Date 27-9-1948

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Yenkaangiengar, B.A.L.L.B.,
ADVOCATE

PHONE: 2512
"KANAKA MANDIRAM"
GANDHINAGAR, BANGALORE CITY.

Date, 27th October 1948.

To

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The Secretary,
Stores Purchase Committee,
Bangalore.

28/10/48

Dear Sir,

I am herewith enclosing copies of the notices I have issued to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore under instructions from Sri A.Govindaraja Modaliar, Proprietor, Benton & Company, Malleswaram

Please note that if, as indicated in the copy of the notice herewith enclosed, the weighing machines are not taken delivery of and their price paid to my client, my client will, after waiting for the two months specified in Sec.80 of the Code of Civil Procedure, proceed to enforce his claims for specific performance and damages impleading you also as a party defendant.

T. S. MUNSTER FOR MUNICIPALITY AND HOUSING	
No.	1807
Date	6-11-1948

Yours faithfully,

S. Venkatarangiah

The on an file has been
sent to the P.A. to the present
as desired by him, on 15/3/48 with
H.S. NO. 9478.

P.T.O.

29/10/48
Submitted for kind perusal.
President
S.P.C.
6/11/48

In regard to this matter
I had requested the Food
to come and discuss with us
some time back which he has
not done till now. Truly
6/11/68

Yours Sincerely,

THE UNIVERSITY OF
EDUCATION
No. 1807
Date 6-11-1968

S. K. Venkatarangar, B.A.L.L.B.,
ADVOCATE

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PHONE: 2512
"KANAKA MANDIRAM"
BANDHINAGAR, BANGALORE CITY.
Date, 27th October 1948.

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

Under instructions from A. Govindaraja Modaliar, Proprietor, A.E. Benton & Co., Scale Engineers, Malleswaram, I am drawing the attention of Government to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, having placed an order on - - 23-7-1947 with my clients for the supply of 16 Fair Bank Scales (Platform Weighing Scales) of the description - - noted in the Local Indent Order No. 9478 stipulating a price of Rs. 595/- F.O.R. Bangalore from stock. The scales referred to above were also inspected by the Superintendent of Industries as desired by the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depot Section) for whom the supplies were meant. The Superintendent of Industries has certified that the scales were - - according to the description, quite good, strong and sensitive for the purpose it was intended for.

That thereafter in spite of my client's repeated -- reminders, expressing his readiness and willingness to deliver the scales and writing letters to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, to the Director of Food Supplies and the - - Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depot Section) nothing tangible was done. A copy of the letter of the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depot Section) dated 24-9-1947 bearing No. AD-C2. 2008/47-48 addressed to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore was sent to my client whereunder he had requested for a copy of the order of the Stores Purchase Committee adding that my client had brought the weighing machines for his approval and that he had all the 30 scales ready for delivery within a week.

As in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, the Inspecting Officer's certificate for the inspection of the articles made against the said definite order was produced to the former who thereupon got a bill for Rs. 9,520/- on 20-9-47 from my client. Nothing was - - heard of excepting that on 3-12-47, my client was endorsed by the

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

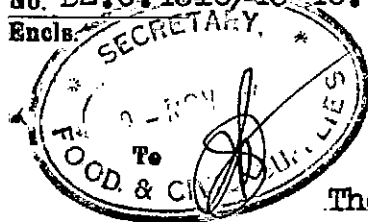
OFFICE OF
the Director of Food Supplies

in Mysore, Bangalore.

Date 5th November 1948.

No. B2.C.4516/45-46.

Encls.



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The Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject: Supply of weighing machines by Messrs. A.E.
Benton & Co.

In continuation of this office letter No.B2.C.4516/45-46 dated 30-1-1948 on the above subject, I write to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 27th October 1948 together with a copy of its enclosure received from Sri S.K.Venkatarangalengar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Bangalore City, and to state that the advocate has issued notice to the Chief Secretary to Government on behalf of his client intimating his intention to sue Government for specific performance and compensation for the damages in this case. I request you kindly to communicate early the orders of Government passed in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. Subramanian
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

AMD. 2.
5.xi.48.

Submitted: The main file has been sent to the Director of Food Supplies in officially on 11.11.48 with U.O. no 78. No action will be awaited. ~~As the Director has been advised to be done.~~

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Letter dated 27th October 1948 from Sri S.K.Venkatarangaiengar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, "Kanaka Mandiram" Gandhi-Nagar, Bangalore City, to the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

I am herewith enclosing copies of the notices I have issued to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore under instructions from Sri A.Govindaraja Mudaliar, Proprietor, Benton & Co., Malleswaram.

Please note that if, as indicated in the copy of the notice herewith enclosed, the weighing machines are not taken delivery of and their price paid to my client, my client will after waiting for the two months specified in Sec.80 of the Code of Civil Procedure he will proceed to enforce his claims for specific performance and damages impleading you also as a party defendant.

ENCLOSURE:

Letter Notice Dated 27th October 1948 from Sri S.K. Venkatarangaiengar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore City, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

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As in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary, stores Purchase Committee, the Inspecting Officer's certificate for the inspection of the articles made against the said definite order was produced to the former he thereupon got a bill for Rs.9,520/- on 20-9-47 from my client. Nothing was thereafter heard of excepting that on 3-12-47 my client was endorsed by the Secretary to Government, Food Supplies Department, by his endorsement bearing No.SD.4074 that a final reply will be sent to him in due course. On 19-12-47 the Director of Food Supplies wrote to my client under letter bearing No.B2.C.4216/45,46 enquiring whether he was agreeable to complete the contract of supplying the scales (i.e. 16 weighing machines) subject to the conditions viz., (1) that the final price of each machine should be Rs.565/- and that (2) one year's guarantee for the machines to be given with an undertaking to rectify any defects in them free of cost. My client replied to this letter on 20-12-47 agreeing to the conditions. He went so far to accommodate himself even to his detriment, to the conditions imposed and to the acceptance of a

of a reduced price hoping that at least after such acceptance the machines would be taken delivery of and the price therefor paid to him at once. Even this was not to be in spite of my client waiting for these ten months and over.

In the circumstances my client has no alternative left to him than to intimate to Government that after waiting for the period mentioned in Section 80 of the C.P.C. my client will proceed to sue the Government, making the concerned officers also parties for the enforcement of the specific performance of the contract and for damages. It is even now hoped that Government will see their way to instruct the Department of Food Supplies to take delivery of the said machines and pay their value to my client avoiding the inevitable unpleasantness and expense involved in court-proceeding.

Please note that failing compliance my client will institute the necessary proceedings in a competent court of law for the aforesaid reliefs against the Govt- and the concerned officers after the expiry of the period hereinbefore mentioned.

"Copy"

for *Ramchandra B. B. B.*
for Director of Food Supplies.

AMD. 1.
5.11.48.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF
the Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Date 5th November 1948.

No. B2.C.4516/45-46.

Encls.

Sir,

The Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

Subject: Supply of weighing machines by Messrs. A. E. Benton & Co.

In continuation of this office letter No.B2.C.4516/45-46 dated 30-1-1948 on the above subject, I write to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 27th October 1948 together with a copy of its enclosure received from Sri S.K.Venkatarangalengar, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Bangalore City, and to state that the advocate has issued notice to the Chief Secretary to Government on behalf of his client intimating his intention to sue Government for specific performance and compensation for the damages in this case. I request you kindly to communicate early the orders of Government passed in the matter.

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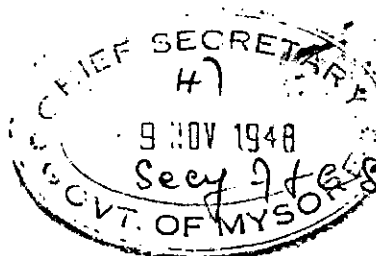
Sd. K. Gurū Dutt.

DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

AMD. 2.
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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of information. Copy of this letter dated 30-1-1948 to the Secretary to Government, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore, is enclosed for reference.

DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.



GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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Tele (phone: 2231
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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

No. b2.c.4516/45-46.

ENCLS.

Bangalore, dated 30th Jany., 1948.

FROM

K. Gurn Dutt, Esq., B.A.,

~~OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,~~

Director of Food Supplies

in Mysore, Bangalore.

TO

A.S.Khaleel, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to Government, Food and

Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

**Subject: - Supply of weighing machines by Messrs.A.E.
Benton & Co.**

With reference to your letter No.CD.4120/A.99-47-2 dated the 5th December 1947, on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the matter was referred to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee for opinion. A copy of his reply No.SPC. 14831 dated 12/13th December 1947 is enclosed for reference. It was suggested therein that the machines may be accepted at reduced rate of Rs.565/- subject to certain conditions.

2. Accordingly the Asst. Director of Food Supplies(Depots), for whose use the machines are intended, was asked to ascertain whether the firm would accept these conditions, and also to subject the machines to thorough tests and furnish his opinion regarding the acceptance or otherwise of the scales. After careful tests, some of which were made in the presence of the representative of the firm, the Asst. Director of Food Supplies (Depots), has finally reported that the machines are not dependable and that it would be taking a grave risk if we accept them, in view of the fact that the make is not original 'Fairbanks' as indented for and also as the machines themselves do not come up to the required standard of accuracy even when new, and it is highly doubtful if the knife-edges and other moving parts will stand wear and tear, notwithstanding any guarantee which the supplier may be prepared to give. The original papers received

from the Asst. Director of Food Supplies(Depots), are enclosed herewith for reference and return. All the details of the tests will be found there.

3. Considering all the circumstances there is no go but to reject the machines as it will obviously lead to great irregularities in the Department if such machines are accepted. Besides, in view of the likelihood of de-control in the near future there will also be no need for the machines, although we would have had to accept them in case they had conformed to the specifications. The case may be finally disposed of by the issue of an endorsement from Government to the supplying firm that the machines are rejected as not conforming to the specifications. I would however propose that as suggested by the Asst. Director of Food Supplies(Depots), one scale which was sent as sample and has been in use in the godowns for some time past may be accepted at the reduced rate agreed to by Messrs. Benton and Co.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SD. K: GURU DUTT,
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.
DN.30-4.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore.

Copy forwarded to the Asst. Director of Food Supplies (Depots), Bangalore, for information.

Whnman 30/68
H DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.
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